

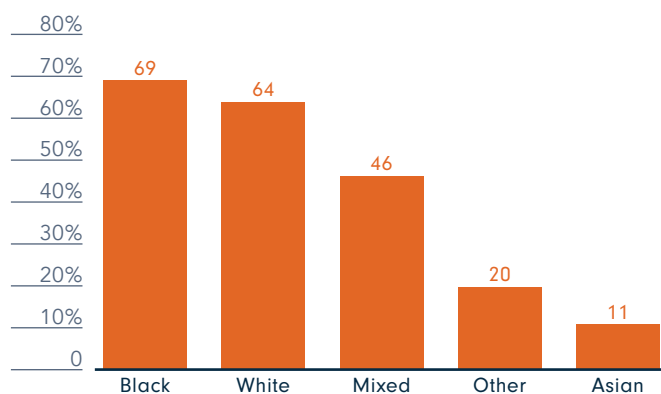
## CHRISTIAN

In 2011, 36.1 million people declared that they were Christian on a Census form (or had that declared for them eg parents declaring for children), a drop of over 10% from 40.1 million in 2001. This was despite the population as a whole growing and ageing. Many people who died between 2001 and 2011 will have said they were Christian in the 2001 Census. Saying you are Christian was most common in Knowsley, the only place in the country where over four out of five people were still Christian by 2011. However, in England fewer than a million people attend a Church of England service on a typical Sunday.<sup>4</sup> It is likely that fewer people are becoming Christians compared to those who have decided that they are no longer Christians, but Christianity in all its many forms remains by far the most dominant religion in the UK.

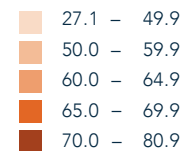
Just below 80%, but more than three-quarters of all people, said they were Christian quite near to Knowsley in Allerdale, Chorley, Copeland, Halton, Ribble Valley, Sefton, South Ribble, St Helens, West Lancashire and Wigan. Something about North West urban (but not too urban) England now equates with Christianity still being the professed norm for a large majority. In contrast, Christianity fell the most in popularity in towns East of the Pennines and on the South coast, most often in places that had successfully attracted a large number of young people to university campuses in recent years. But it also fell rapidly in popularity across South Wales and in many of the more peripheral parts of the UK.

Numbers of Christians had fallen least between 2001 and 2011 in Knowsley (-4.8%) and Inverclyde (-5.1%), but then also in the London boroughs of Haringey (-5.1%); Lambeth (-5.7%); Barnet (-6.1%); Brent (-6.2%); Newham (-6.9%); and Ealing (-7.0%). In contrast, the largest fall in professed Christianity was in Kingston upon Hull (-16.8%). By 2011 Black people were more likely to be Christian than any other group, but only 4% of Christians in England and Wales were Black, 2% were of Mixed ethnicity and 1% were Asian.

**People of Christian religions by broad ethnic group, England and Wales 2011 %**



**Christian 2011 (%)**



**Christian change (%)**

